TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

Wednesday, 1st October, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-two of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Number of Vehicles on which Tolls were levied on the Main Southern and Main Central Roads.

13. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of vehicles that paid tolls in 1097 and 1098 on the Main Southern and the Main Central Roads?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The toll gates in the State are worked on the contract system. It is not therefore possible to supply the information.

Surgical Operations in Hospitals.

14. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing—

(*a*) the major surgical operations performed in the Nagercoil District Hospital, the Trivandrum General Hospital, the Trivandrum Women and Children's Hospital, the Quilon District Hospital, the Quilon Victoria Jubilee Hospital, and the Alleppey and the Kottayam District Hospitals;

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) the medical officers who performed the operations;

(*c*) the number of operations which were successful; and

(*d*) the number of fatal cases?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are unable to furnish an answer as the period for which the information is required has not been specified.

Roads in the Kottayam Division.

15. MR. P. T. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): (*a*) What is the length of roads per square mile of land in the Trivandrum Revenue Division, and what is the length of roads per square mile of land in the Kottayam Revenue Division?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the people of the Kottayam Division are put to great difficulty for want of proper roads and other means of communication?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased not to allot any money on new communications in the Trivandrum Division, till the Kottayam Division is also provided with roads on the same scale as the former?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to provide sufficient money in the budget for 1100 M. E. for raising the Kottayam-Kumarakam road above flood level, and convert the same into a cart road?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 5·68 furlongs in the Trivandrum Revenue Division and 2·56 furlongs in the Kottayam Revenue Division, taking metalled and unmetalled roads together.

(*b*) Government are aware of the need for more communication in the Kottayam Revenue Division.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The road is only a foot-path beyond Illikkal. The question of its proper formation is under consideration.

Control of Motor Traffic between Kottayam and Mundakayam.

16. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the buses and lorries for the conveyance of passengers and luggage plying between Kottayam and Mundakayam run in accordance with the provisons of Rule 40 of the Rules passed under Regulation VI of 1094?

(*b*) If not, have the officers concerned taken any steps in the matter, and, if so, what are those steps?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons and the total freight which the lorries plying on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road are licensed to carry?

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